

14 August 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Legislation Division, OLC

ATTENTION:

FROM:

Chief, Printing and Photography Division, OL

SUBJECT: H.R. 4572/The "Public Printing Reorganization Act"

REFERENCE: Mtple adse memo fm C/LD/OLC dtd 9 Aug 79,
same subj. (OLC 79-2363)

1. In 1957 agreements between the Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) and the Agency provided for the transfer of the printing operation then known as the State Service Office of the Government Printing Office (GPO) to the Agency. Since that time the Printing and Photography Division (P&PD) has conducted the printing operations independent of JCP authority. Concomitantly, the Division has been completely free of any GPO influence. Through the years this need for operational independence of Agency printing facilities has been challenged on many occasions. In each instance Agency officials, Public Printers, and the JCP itself have reinforced our interpretation of the agreements, i.e., that P&PD falls outside the purview of the JCP and GPO. As further evidence of our independent status, the Agency's printing facilities have never been listed among those under JCP authority as published in the Printing and Binding Regulations of the JCP.

2. The language of the Bill which places the authority for establishing any printing services outside of the GPO under the Public Printer for whatever limited duration he may deem appropriate would seriously impact the independent operation of Agency printing facilities as well as the careers of Agency personnel currently employed in the facilities. We feel that existing agreements which preserve the Agency's right to operate its independent facilities should remain in force and we agree that the Office of the Legislative Counsel should apply the "notwithstanding" phrase in Section 8 of the CIA Act of 1949 as the basis for our exclusion from GPO authority.

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3. Of almost equal importance, P&PD feels that its status, in terms of inclusion or exclusion under the Bill, should be resolved as quickly as possible. Past experience has taught us that documentation explicitly stating the Agency's status in regard to jurisdiction over printing operations is absolutely necessary if we are to avoid repetitive interpretations of our position in briefs and memoranda submitted after the fact.

4. At the present time P&PD has sole Agency responsibility for coordinating printing services with GPO and has primary liaison responsibility with them. P&PD would prefer to have this responsibility designated to one of its officials by the DCI under the provisions of H.R. 4572.

5. At the present time P&PD purchases its equipment and supplies outside of any jurisdictional influence of either the JCP or GPO. Elsewhere in the Office of Logistics, the Procurement Division purchases various types of Agency forms from private vendors when situations warrant such action. Paper, forms, and other supplies are however, purchased off GPO schedules whenever it is possible. The authority for all of these acquisitions rests in the Agency's exemption from Title 44, U.S.C. On the other hand, P&PD does have frequent contact with GPO regarding their purchase of unclassified maps, charts, and publications from P&PD on a cost reimbursable basis. The printing of this material by P&PD which is placed on public sale through the Superintendent of Documents, GPO, is the result of a mutual agreement established a few years ago. In addition, P&PD complies with the Federal Depository Library Program of GPO by furnishing microfilmed copies of all unclassified publications produced in-house to GPO without charge. This Agency interaction with GPO is mentioned merely to point out the fact that although we do not recognize GPO as having any jurisdictional influence on our operation we do maintain a harmonious relationship with them.

6. If you should have any questions or should need further information please give me a call

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